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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 11 & 13, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 80, Cornhill. GORDON & GORDON, 10, Old Bailey, E.C. HENDY & CO., 4, Old Bailey, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

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Banks.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1868.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL: £200,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL: £40,000.

RESERVE FUND: £35,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—39a, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:—NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. HORNE ROYD, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, May 24, 1880.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP: £3,200,000.

RESERVE FUND: £200,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at: LONDON, BOULOGNE, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOCHOW, MELBOURNE.

LONDON BANKERS: THE BANK OF ENGLAND, THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

R. G. VOULLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL: £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3½ per Annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL: £200,000.

RESERVE FUND: £100,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND, THE CITY BANK, THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong, grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

OF FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

" 12 " " 5 " "

WILLIAM FORREST, Manager.

Hongkong, May 10, 1880.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL: £5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND: £1,800,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—The Hon. W. KRAVICH.

Deputy Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq.

ADOLPH ANDER, Esq. H. H. FORBES, Esq.

E. R. BELLING, Esq. H. H. FORBES, Esq.

H. L. DALE, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, Thomas JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai, E. W. CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS:—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

" 12 " " 5 " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD ELIAS SASSOON and Mr. MEYER ELIAS SASSOON, intend carrying on BUSINESS of ENGINEERS, IRON and BRASS FOUNDERS, &c., from this date under the Style and Title of "FENWICK, MORRISON & Co."

GEO. FENWICK, ROBT. MORRISON.

Victoria Foundry, Wanchai, Hongkong, June 14, 1880.

VICTORIA FOUNDRY.

WE, the Undersigned, having purchased the Lease and Plant of the above Foundry and Engineering Works, intend carrying on BUSINESS of ENGINEERS, IRON and BRASS FOUNDERS, &c., from this date under the Style and Title of "FENWICK, MORRISON & Co."

GEO. FENWICK, ROBT. MORRISON.

Victoria Foundry, Wanchai, Hongkong, June 14, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents to the New York Office of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents, ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

MUNTZ PATENT YELLOW METAL SHEATHING, all Sizes.

AND COMPOSITION NAILS, in Lots to Suit Purchasers.

G. R. LAMBERT, Pedlar's Wharf Buildings.

Hongkong, July 28, 1880.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Extra No. 1, 1 doz. Cases.

Price: £47 per 2 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.00.

"COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW," By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

JAPAN SELLER WATER MANUFACTURED BY J. LEWELLYN & Co.

J. LEWELLYN & Co. JAPAN SPRING WATER AT THEIR STRAITS SETTLEMENTS WATER FACTORY, Singapore.

Agents in Hongkong:—Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

TO LET.

ON Mabley Lot No. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

For Sale.

SEASON 1880.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE OPENED THEIR

NEW VEGETABLE

AND

FLOWER SEEDS,

FROM

SUTTON & SONS—READING,

AND

E. J. BOWEN—SAN FRANCISCO.

Hongkong, August 23, 1880.

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE just received the following NEW & IMPORTANT BOOKS.

New Edition "Wetmore's Telegraph Code," greatly enlarged, £30.00.

Ferguson's "Chinese Researches," 2.50.

"Great Navigators of 18th Century," 4.00.

Dr. Edkins' "Chinese Buddhism," 5.50.

Dr. Farrar's "Life of Christ," 4.00.

Winchell's "Presidents," 5.00.

Munio's "Chinese Stories," Illustrated, 75.

Ugubhart's "Electric Light, its Production and Use," 8.00.

Cairns' "Quantitative Analysis," 8.50.

Walker's "Money, Trade, and Industry," 2.00.

Sport's "Dictionary of Engineering," new edition, 2.00.

Milford's "Tales of Old Japan," 2.00.

Baron Richthofen's "China," 2.00.

Dr. Martin's "Essays on the Intellectual Life of the Chinese," 2.00.

New Skeleton CHIT BOOK, 1.25.

Hongkong, August 9, 1880.

NOTICE.

MONSIEUR DEVILLE, Manufacturer of Chemical Products, 67, Faubourg St. Denis, Paris, has the honor to announce to the trade generally that he has just arrived in Hongkong, for the purpose of introducing Articles of the utmost utility in every household, and of which he is Inventor and Sole Manufacturer.

L'ARGENTINE DEVILLE.

This celebrated liquid, which is guaranteed to be a solution of pure silver, is the only composition whereby articles of brass, copper, and all kinds of plated goods can be silvered without the aid of the electric battery.

DEVILLE'S RENOVATOR.

For restoring instantaneously all kinds of varnished or polished furniture without distinction of color, Billiard Tables, Fanos, Sewing Machines, Iron Bedsteads, Carriages and Patent Leather, and when used in fixtures of Dry Goods stores, will be found efficacious in preventing ants eating the wood and goods.

DEVILLE'S GUTTA PERCHA OIL.

For Harness, Carriage Covers, Hunting Boots, and to renew the brilliancy of Morocco leather of blue, green, black or any dark color, without altering the color, and to prevent Boots, &c., being eaten by insects and rendering the leather soft and waterproof.

Hongkong, August 23, 1880.

To Let.

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NO. 8, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, containing Eight Rooms and Out-Houses.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE HALL.

THE DWELLING HOUSES—Nos. 31 and 33, WELLINGTON STREET.

OFFICES in CHUNG CHAMBERS, now in the occupation of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., with Strong Room attached; also other OFFICES and CHAMBERS in the same Building.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, August 14, 1880.

COAL GODOWNS—TO LET.

BURROWS' GODOWNS, Nos. 43, 53A and 55A, PRATA EAST; with Private Wharf.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 15, 1880.

TO LET.

GROUND FLOOR of Houses Nos. 8 and 4.

Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, April 19, 1880.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also entire Godowns to be let.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 2, 1880.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned under instructions from the Official Assignee of the Estate of HO KWONG MING, a Bankrupt, and with the concurrence of the Judgment Creditors' Incumbances on the Undermentioned LOTS, offers for SALE by Public Auction, at 12 o'clock noon, on

SATURDAY, the 28th day of August, 1880, at his Rooms, Queen's Road, —

All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 233, together with the Messuage or Tenement erected thereon, known as No. 43, EAST STREET, Tai-ping Shan, for the residue of a term of Seventy-five years, commencing 31st August, 1844, and created by Crown Lease, dated 10th September, 1845. Annual Crown Rent, \$4.38.

Also,

All that PIECE of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 235, together with the Messuage or Tenement erected thereon, known as No. 45, EAST STREET, Tai-ping Shan, for the residue of a term of Seventy-five years, commencing 31st August, 1844, and created by Crown Lease, dated 10th September, 1845. Annual Crown Rent, \$4.38.

Terms of SALE.—20 per Cent. of the Purchase Money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the Balance on completion of the Assignment. Expenses of Assignment to be paid by Purchaser. The Property to be at the Purchaser's risk from the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLAN & JOHNSON, Hongkong, Vendor's Solicitors, or to the Undersigned.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Aug. 17, 1880.

Intimations.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE Annual General Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS in and SUBSCRIBERS to the above Institution will be held in the LIBRARY, at 3 p.m., on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant.

H. L. DENNY, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 23, 1880.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 30th June last, at the Rate of (£1.5) ONE POUND and FIVE SHILLINGS Sterling per Share of £125, is PAYABLE on and after TUESDAY, the 17th Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS, now on a visit to SHANGHAI, will return to HONGKONG early in the Winter as usual.

Hongkong, April 1, 1880.

A. H. TOW & Co.

SHIPS' COMPAGNIES, STEVEDORES, BALLASTMEN AND WAREHOUSEMEN, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI. (The same Proprietor) Keep on hand and for sale, well assorted Oilmen's Stores and Coal of all kinds. Shipping supplied at the shortest notice with all kinds of Ballast and fresh Provisions at moderate charges.

F. G. PRAY & WEST.

館辦興成口街興永

DYNAMITE, FUSES, DETONATORS, &c.

FROM NOBEL'S & XP OLVES CO., LIMITED, GLASGOW can be had in any quantity on application to THE BORNEO CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, March 8, 1880.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) WASHMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)

PUBLISHED at the "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE in TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from the Daily China Mail, is published twice a month on the morning of the English Mail's departure, and is a record of each fortnight's current history of events in China and Japan, contributed in original reports and collected from the journals published at the various ports in these countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete Commercial Summary.

Subscription, 60 cents per Copy (postage paid 5 cents). \$12 per annum (postage paid \$15.00).

Orders should be sent to GEO. MURRAY BARN, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham Street, not later than noon of the day the English Mail Steamer leaves.

Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily China Mail.

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Out-of-Ordering Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailors' Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "China," Capt. A. CRAWFORD, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, August 24,

THE CHINA MAIL.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

Prime "Young America" Cheese.
EASTERN CHEESE.
WHITAKER'S HAMS, Very Fine.
BONEL'S CODFISH.
SALMON BELLETS in Kits.
MACKEREL in Kits.
Family PIG PORK.
Prime Meat BEEF.
LAMB'S TONGUES.
CRACKED WHEAT.
CORNMEAL.
COMB HONEY in Frame.
PEANUTS.
BARCELONA NUTS.
OX TONGUES.
HOMINY.
RYE MEAL.
PECAN NUTS.
HICKORY NUTS.
POTTED MEATS.
BARTLET PEARS.
PEACHES.
&c., &c., &c.

Ex "MENELAUS".
AN Invoice of MILNER'S
PATENT FIRE PROOF SAFES
and
DEED CHESTS.
To be Sold at Manufacturers' Prices.

T. & D. HENRY'S GOVERNMENT NAVY
CANVAS, all Numbers.
FLAX SEAMING TWINE.
Ex "HOPE".
WOODBERRY'S COTTON DUCK, Nos.
1 to 10.
RAVENS DUCK, and
DRILLS.
COTTON TWINE.
Ex "RAPHAEL".
A Large Assortment of
CROCKERY and GLASSWARE.
DINNER SERVICES.
DESSERT SERVICES.
TOILET SERVICES.
BREAKFAST SERVICES.
&c., &c., &c.
Ex "ANCHISES".
and
LATE ARRIVALS.

RUTHERFORD'S Extra All Long FLAX
CANVAS.
RUTHERFORD'S Royal Navy CANVAS.
RUTHERFORD'S Best Boiled Do.
Engine OIL.
English COTTON WASTE.
Tuck's Patent PACKING.
FLAX PACKING.
Horn's Best Russian CORDAGE.
Feet English Charcoal WIRE ROPE.
Galvanized IRON CHAIN, 3/16th, 1/4th
and 3/8th.
Humbert's PAINTS and OILS.
TURPENTINE. Copal VARNISH.
French POLISH. Soft SOAP.
Oakey's Wellington KNIFE POWDER.
Plate POWDER. Plate BRUSHES.
Billiard CHALK. Cue TIPS.
Metallic TAPE LINES.

Chubb's Patent PADLOCKS,
TH LOCKS,
Cupboard LOCKS,
Box LOCKS.
FIRE GRATES.
Suspension and Bracket Patent Extinguish-
ing KEROSENE LAMPS.
Roberts & Sons' CUTLERY.
Electro-plated WARE.
BUNTING and Bunting THREAD.
Bussell's PATENT PNEUMATIC GUN.

Royal Bristol GINGER ALE, in Pint
Bottles.
JEFFREY'S India PALE ALE, in Pint
Bottles.
CLARET-Chatteau THIRBOUF.
IRES GRAVES, Pints and Quarts.
Chateau LAMORE.
Breakfast CLARET.

HAUT SAUTERNE.
SACONNI'S White Seal SHERRY.
Do. Amontillado SHERRY.
Do. Very Fine OLD PORT.
Draught ALE and PORTER, sold by the
Gallon.

STATIONERY.
BOOKS.
TOBACCOS, and
CIGARS.
JOHN
MOIR & SONS',
CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S,
and
AMERICAN
OILMAN STORES.

SHIPHANDLERY
of
Every Description.
SAIL-MAKING and RIGGING,
promptly executed.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
Hongkong, July 20, 1880.

To-day's Advertisements.

6th DRAWING.

Chinese Imperial Government Loan 1877.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par, on the 31st of August next, when the interest thereon will cease, were this day Drawn at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 31 Lombard Street, E.C., in the presence of GEORGE HENRY BURNETT, Esq., Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary Public.

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For £100 Sterling each, = £114,600.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

(Signed) GEO. H. BURNETT,

Accountant.

Countersigned, W. W. VENN, Junior,

Notary Public,

2, Pope's Head Alley, Cornhill, E.C.

LONDON, 12th June, 1880.

To-day's Advertisements.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT LOAN OF 1877.

THE COUPONS falling due 31st of August current of the above LOAN, together with the INTEREST thereon, will be paid at the Office of this CORPORATION on and after that Date.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Agents for the Loan, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 25, 1880. sel

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR YOKOHAMA (DIRECT) The Co's Steamship "Araucaria," will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 26th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, August 25, 1880. an26

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "Emeralda," will be despatched for the above PORT on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, August 25, 1880. an28

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Steamship "Duchess," will be despatched for the above PORTS on SUNDAY, the 29th Instant, at 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAK & Co.

Hongkong, August 25, 1880. an29

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SOFZ CANAL. The Co's Steamship "Devonshire," will be despatched on or about the 10th Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, August 25, 1880.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. CONTINUING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business CONTRIBUTION D during the Half-Year ended 30th June, 1880, on or before September 30th, on which Date the Accounts will be CLO-SED.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1880. col

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S.S. CAELIO will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on or about the 25th September, 1880, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 24th September. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day. All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A Receipt is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr., Agent.

Hongkong, August 25, 1880.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

CHILKIN, British ship, Capt. Beadle. — Wieler & Co.

CLIFTON, British ship, Capt. Davies. — Rozario & Co

ought not to stay and fight the enemy, but to go out and attack the trains of baggage in the rear and worry him on the roads he come by. By keeping the Chinese troops lightly loaded with baggage, with no guns, they can move to and fro every one of the enemy's marches. To-day the Chinese will be before him; to-morrow they will be behind him; the next day they will be on his left-hand, and so on, till the enemy gets tired and cross with such long walks, and his soldiers quarrel with their officers and get sick.

The Chinese should make telegraphs in the country as a rule, to keep the country quiet and free from false rumours, but with the Chinese soldiers in the field they should use sun signals by means of the Holograph. These are very easy and can do no harm. For this purpose a small school should be made in each centre.

Chinese ought not to try torpedoes which are very difficult to manage. The most simple torpedoes are the best and the cheapest, and their utility is in having many of them. China can risk saving them thickly, for if one of them does go astray and sink a Chinese junk, the people of the junk ought to be glad to die for their country. If torpedoes are only used at certain places, then the enemy knows that he has to look out when near those places, but when every place may have torpedoes, he can never feel safe; he is always anxious; he cannot sleep; he gets ill and dies. The fact of an enemy living in constant dread of being blown up is much more advantageous to China than if she blew up one of her enemies, for anxiety makes people ill and cross. Therefore China ought to have cheap simple torpedoes which cannot get out of order, which are easy to use, and which are plentiful. They ought not to buy expensive complicated torpedoes.

China should buy no more big guns to defend her sea-coast. They cost money. They are a great deal of trouble to keep in order, and the enemy's ships have too thick sides for any gun China can buy to penetrate them.

China ought to defend her sea-coast by very heavy mortars. They cost very little. They are easy to use. They only want a thick parapet in front and they are fired from a place the enemy cannot see, whereas the enemy can see the holes from which guns are fired.

The enemy cannot get safe from a mortar shot. It falls on the deck and under it breaks everything. China can get 500 mortars for the same money, she gets an 18-ton gun for. If China loses them the loss is little.

No enemy could get into a port which is defended by 1500 large mortars and plenty of torpedoes which must be very simple.

Steam-launches with a torpedo on a pole furnish the best form of moveable torpedo.

For the Chinese Fleet small quick vessels with very light draft of water and not any great weight of armour are best. If China buys big vessels they cost a great deal and all her eggs are in one basket, namely, she loses all her money at once. For the money of one large vessel China would get twelve small vessels. China's strength is in the creeks, not in the open sea.

Nothing recommended in this paper needs any change in Chinese customs. The army is the same, and China needs no Europeans or Foreigners to help her to carry out this programme.

If it is recommended here to recommend, then no one else can do so. Besides the programme is a cheap one.

With respect to the Fleet it is important to consider that in the employment of Foreigners China can never be sure of them in case of a war with the country they belong to, while, on the other hand, if China asks a Foreign Power to lend her officers, then the Foreign Power who lends them will interfere with China.

The question is,—
1. Is it better for China to get officers here and there, and run the risk of these officers not being trustworthy, or
2. Is it better for China to think what nation there is who would be likely to be good friends with China in good weather and in bad weather, and then for China to ask that nation to lend China the officers she wants for her Fleet.

I think No. 2 is the safest and best for China.

Remember, with this programme, China wants no big officer from Foreign Powers; I say big officer because I am a big officer in China.

If I stayed in China it would be bad for China, because it would be bad for the American, French, and German Governments who would want to send their officers. Besides I am not wanted. China can do what I recommend herself. If she cannot, I could do no good.

(Signed) C. G. Gordon.
Canton, 7th July 1880.

P.S.—As long as Peking is the centre of the Government of China, China can never afford to go to war with any first-class Power. It is too near the sea. The Emperor (Queen Bee) must be in the centre of the hive.

No iron-clads or iron gun-boats can help China till she has a place to keep them in. But China can have no place (Asylum) to keep them till she has an Army.

China cannot have an army when Generals keep 2,000 men and draw pay for 6,000. Those Generals ought to have their heads cut.

(Signed) C. G. Gordon.
Hongkong, 29th August 1880.

Barrows of Visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending August 22—

Mon. Aug. 16th.	Chinese.
Tues. " 17th.	87
Wed. " 18th.	80
Thurs. " 19th.	41
Fri. " 20th.	36
Sat. " 21st.	87
Sun. " 15th.	240
Total	2,959

Grand total, 2,959.

REUTERS TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

(Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line)

AFFAIRS BETWEEN RUSSIA AND CHINA—

CONSULTATION REPORTS.

LONDON, Aug. 24.

The semi-official *de Russes* announce that a conciliatory spirit prevails between Russia and China.

THERE WAS AN INTERVIEW WITH THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

LONDON, Aug. 24.

Tsing has had an audience of the Emperor.

GENERAL ROBERTS REPORTS SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

LONDON, Aug. 24.

Despatches from General Roberts state that his force is making satisfactory progress.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected here on or about the 31st inst., by the Pacific Mail steamer *City of Peking*.

THE COMPANIES OF THE CHINESE LOAN OF 1877

falling due on the 31st inst., are payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on and after that date. The Nos. of the Bonds drawn are advertised elsewhere.

THE *Gloucester* went round to Aberdeen this morning to discharge some guns she has brought out for the Chinese Government.

They range from 13-ton guns downwards. She was expected to be back again in harbour this evening, and is circulated to leave for Shanghai early to-morrow.

THE Postmaster General calls attention to the fact that many of the badges sent by mercantile houses to his Office, as authorities for coals to obtain delivery of correspondence, are so much defaced as to be almost or entirely illegible. He requests that where this is the case the badge be renewed, so as to bear the firm's name in bold and distinct characters, English and Chinese, without which misdeliveries are very likely to occur.

FROM our Macao correspondent's letter it will be seen that the annual rent obtained for the Gambling Farm in that city has exceeded the sum previously paid by \$34,700. This increase, we have reason to believe, was mainly due to the publicity given to the conditions of sale and the consequent keenness of competition on the part of several wealthy Chinese from Hongkong. These conditions have not been published on former occasions, but we presume that the present result will ensure their publication in future.

We have been requested to state that the news-letter from Macao which appeared in these columns on the 23rd inst., with reference to the Sun-yee case, opium Partnership, lately before the Supreme Court, and the action which the Attorney General of Macao has thought it right to take on certain statements therein made by a Chinese witness, (Li Tuk Cheong), was not written by Baron de Ceval. As it has been attributed to that gentleman, and he is not desirous of taking the credit of it, we give publicity to the fact most readily.

THE funeral of the late Mr. Ward Prestage took place yesterday afternoon (24th) and was very largely attended. There were present the Very Rev. J. Borghignoli, Pro Vicar Apostolic; the Very Rev. Fr. Baines, Procurator of the Dominican Mission; the Very Rev. E. Lemoine, French Procurator; the Hon. J. M. Price; Mr. A. da Silva, President of the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul; Dr. O'Brien, Mr. J. A. de Carvalho, Mr. A. F. Alves, Mr. S. R. Neate, Mr. J. M. d'Almeida e Castro, Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor (who was especially requested by H. E. to attend), Mr. F. Machado, Mr. H. Danenberg, and several other gentlemen, representing all branches of the public service. Mr. J. de Souza being the nearest relative of Mrs. Prestage (née de Souza) was the chief mourner. On Saturday next there will be a solemn Requiem Mass at the Cathedral, commencing at 7.30 a.m. His Lordship the Bishop will give the benediction.—*Cor.*

THERE are some points of interest and importance in the Singapore Medical Reports recently published by the Straits Government, in addition to those to which we have already called attention. We read, for instance, that "in the Pauper Hospital the number of patients was large and it is estimated that the number has been doubled since 1878. The percentage of deaths was 11.7 and the water supply was pronounced bad, but application has been made to Government for a supply from the Water works, which will no doubt be granted. The total number of patients treated during the year was 8,402, of which 1,133 or 13.5 per cent. came from Johore. Dr. Brown, in his general remarks, does not allude to the liberality with which Mr. Tan Beng Swee and the Chinese community generally answered the appeal made to them last year for assistance towards the support of this useful and necessary institution. His Highness the Maharajah of Johore also recognized by his liberal contribution the claims of this Hospital. The working of the O.D. Ordinance is stated in these reports to be "gradually improving in Singapore and the other two Settlements" but still much remains to be done. A marked improvement is already noticeable, not only in the readiness to submit to any new order, but in the patients

becoming more amenable to discipline, and better order is now preserved."

COMMENTING ON THE BOWEN FIASCO, the Straits Times says:—

In connection with the E. and A. Co.'s steamers it may be noted that the twenty-two steamer *Z* was in June last while on a voyage between this port and Hongkong as being engaged in a plot to pirate the steamer, having been discharged from custody by the Hongkong magistrate for want of evidence. The Hongkong press comment justly severely on the gross miscarriage of justice and blame the authorities for their stupidity in the matter. There was not the least moral doubt of the guilt of the prisoners. Some of them were well-known as criminals to the Hongkong police. One was recognized as having been engaged in an armed attack upon Kowloon city in December 1879, and the police had another photograph as a *deporté* from Hongkong. Our authorities here were apparently unable to supply any evidence in the case, although the prisoners embarked from this port.Mr. Garfield has invented a new argument against Chinese immigration. It will doubtless serve him in good stead during the Presidential contest. The widest hospitality, he holds, is to be extended to immigration, with the exception of the Chinese. This is to be subjected to restrictions, on the ground that the influx of 25 million servile labour is a social and moral evil. This places the question on a platform which is new to politicians, but not so to social philosophers. Some of the latter have argued that, if a wholesale immigration of Chinese takes place, the two things will happen. Either the superior race will not amalgamate with the inferior, or they will. If they refuse to amalgamate they will acquire habits of brutality and tyranny. If they do amalgamate they will suffer the same kind of degradation as has befallen the Mexican half-breeds. These, at any rate, are the two alternatives with which some thinkers threaten us.—*Pail Mail.*

At the Calcutta Small Court the other day a case came on for hearing which may be of some interest here to some of our readers, the share market being no unimportant item in Hongkong business. The case we refer to was the case of Kheternauth Motri vs. Surendranath Das.

This was an application for a new trial; the point raised in it was one of considerable importance to dealers in shares. The plaintiff had, through a broker, sold to the defendant the shares in the India General Steam Navigation Company, Limited, at Rs. 1,325 per share. The terms of the contract, which was dated 9th April 1879, were, "blank transfer deed standing in any good name, to be delivered and paid for on or before the 31st of July 1879 as buyer's option." The case was tried by the learned First Judge, who dismissed it on the ground that, as the plaintiff had not the shares in his possession till a day or two before the 31st of July, which was the last day within which delivery was to be given, he was not entitled to recover. His Honour was of opinion that the plaintiff should have had the shares in his possession immediately after the acceptance of the contract, so that he would be in a position at any time between the 9th of April and the 31st of July to deliver the shares to the defendant if he should apply to him for them. He took this view of the case on the authority of the judgment of Sir Barnes Peacock, delivered on appeal in the case of *Gladiators Wyke & Co. vs. Kheternauth*. After a good deal of argument, the Court took the time to consider whether it would grant a new trial.THE non-arrival in these waters of the Russian floating battery, *Kreme*, on her way to reinforce the Pacific Squadron is due, says the Straits Times, to her having come in collision with the Italian merchant steamer *Holland*, as will be seen from the following paragraph from the *United Service Gazette*:—From information we have received it seems that the collision of the floating battery *Holland* was due to the man-of-war not obeying the rudder. The Italian vessel crashed with such force into the bow of the *Kreme* that, according to the captain's report, it created a hole in the hull of the Russian vessel of 40 square feet. The water commenced rushing in with great violence, but a few tarpaulins slung over the outside, and a number of hammocks placed against the leak inside, enabled the vessel to keep afloat and proceed after while. The Russian Commander Shoroff, commander of the *Kreme*, is one of the best Russian officers afloat, and general commendation is expressed at his mishap. The *Kreme*, after returning to Cronstadt to be docked and repaired, will be placed again on the list of the Baltic Fleet, its place in the Pacific being taken by the clipper *Yamchong*, the sister ship of the *Kreuzer*, and reputedly, a very poor sailer.

Macao, August 25.

The Gambling Farm at Macao (Pan-tan) was knocked down yesterday for the very handsome sum of \$104,300 for the next year, commencing some time next month. The purchasers are said to be the present holders of the license, so that they must have made a good profit, to pay now \$34,700 over last year's rate.

H. E. Governor O'Connell deserves great credit for the manner in which he interposes himself in every branch of administration and for the improvements already made. He continues to merit the golden opinion of all the inhabitants.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. Ng Chey)

August 18, 1880.

REMEMBRANCE OF CHINESE LIFE AND CHARACTER.

This might be the title, in imitation of the immortal Dean Ransay's work, of a volume of trifles about the social life of the Chinese, one interesting chapter of which was unfolded to day before the Chinese Magistrate.

Leung A-mun, described as a seaman, was charged with obtaining money under the pretences from Leung Ak-wai, a married woman. The story complainant told was this: I

am a married woman, my husband is called Lum Ak-wong. I was married to him in Sacramento, California, about 16 years ago, and we established a tailor's shop in Queen's road East. In October last I heard that my husband had taken a second wife; and I had a quarrel with him. In the month of May last, his second wife came and visited in our place. I was very much annoyed at this; I quarrelled with her and with my husband. On June 3rd, I left my husband's place and went to house No. 40 Ship st. where I resided for about a month. The defendant then came to the house to see the landlord of the house. I told the defendant that I wanted to leave that place and on the 6th of July defendant took me to a house in Wong On Lane, where a teacher named Lo Wai Ohnue and his wife were living. I lived in this house from that time till yesterday, when my husband came for me and returned to him. A few days after I had gone to reside in Lo Wai Ohnue's house the defendant came and told me, "Sui Wa" (meaning my husband), has presented a petition against you for running away with his property, and if you pay me \$20 I will get that petition withdrawn." I then went out and raised \$20 by pawning my jewellery. I came home and paid defendant \$20. The defendant went away, and in about a quarter of an hour he came back and showed me a petition. He read the petition and then burned it. About a week after defendant came again and said, "I will get that petition withdrawn against you for running away with a fan, two boxes and a bed quilt. If you pay me \$10 I will get that petition withdrawn." I then said a gold pin and paid defendant \$10. About half an hour afterwards defendant came and told me that he had got the petition withdrawn. About a week after that, defendant came again and said, "Sui Wa has again presented a petition against you and it will be necessary to get it withdrawn." I asked him how much it would cost to get that done. He said it would cost \$15. I then pawned some of my clothes and paid him \$15. Defendant went away and in about a quarter of an hour he returned and said that he had got the petition withdrawn; defendant did not tell me where the petition was, but I told him that I trusted that man had charge of all petitions in a box, and that if I wanted a petition to be withdrawn I had to pay some money to that man to get the petition taken out of the box. He did not tell me the name of the person who had charge of the petition box, nor did he tell me in what department the man was employed. Yesterday about 4 p.m. I saw the defendant pass our shop in Queen's road. I called him and said to him,—"Where did those petitions you spoke of come from? My husband says he never presented any petition against me." My husband was present at the time and said,—"You made money in it, at any rate, I never presented a petition against my wife." Defendant was then given into the custody of a policeman.

The case was remanded till Saturday, the 25th inst.

A WOULD-BE SUICIDE.

Lo Atai, 32, a servant, unemployed, was charged with attempting to commit suicide on the 24th inst.

T. C. Robt. Anderson said that on the 24th, at 11.30 a.m., he was on duty in a police boat off the shore of the island. He heard a splash in the water and proceeded to the spot. He heard the sound of a voice and saw the defendant struggling in the water about 12 yards from the boat. He picked him up and took him to the Station No. 7. Defendant said he did not wish to live any longer in this world.

Defendant said that what the Constable had stated was true. He threw himself into the water when he was drunk, and was unable to get on in this world. He was employed on board the steamer *Kin-shan* for six years and for one year as steward. He left the ship last year and did not find any employment since. He had a family consisting of his mother, wife and his daughter, who were living at the back of the Central School.

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